

## **STARRS Candidate Survey comments from candidates:**

### **3. Do you support codifying into legislation policy changes related to DEI and vaccination remedies advanced by Presidential Executive Orders and Department of War memoranda?**

- Absolutely as the President Order re-established the "Department of War" and has elevated the Standards of the Military.
- And Beyond
- As long as the legislation curtails and eradicates DEI.
- Both EOs harm recruitment and readiness.
- By answer "yes," I am assuming you are talking about Trump administration EOs and DOD directives to end DEI and jab mandates. As a matter of fact, medical freedom in one of the cornerstones of my campaign, and I will be pushing federal vaccination and masking protection acts to prevent the farce that we faced during COVID from ever happening again.
- Codify what protects rights and restores trust. Reject anything that expands federal power at the expense of individual liberty or equal treatment under the law.
- Congress should protect constitutional rights and ensure these policies cannot be easily reversed by future administrations.
- Congress should take all necessary steps to protect the rights, freedoms and liberties of individual citizens with respect to health crisis'. More so, Congress must purge many of its agencies, and in this case, public health agencies from politicized directors and agents and financially compromised directors and agents.
- Congress, as the people's elected representatives, should have a say in policies with such wide-reaching impacts.
- Congress, not unelected bureaucrats, should set policy. I support codifying reforms that restore merit-based systems, protect individual liberty, and prevent future government overreach like we saw during COVID. These protections should not depend on who is in the White House.
- DEI and vaccine mandates need to be removed. Our warriors receive pertinent vaccines for their respective duty stations. That is enough. DEI destroyed the warrior mentality; it needs to be ended, reinvigorating strength in the vital role of our warriors.
- DEI does not belong in our nation's military. There is but one way to serve this country and that is with integrity first.
- DEI should be eliminated. Anyone adversely affected by DEI programs should be reinstated
- Executive Orders and department directives are operating procedures relevant only during the time in which they are being executed. Legislation is permanent and binding in a way that is not flexible enough to adapt to the rapidly changing circumstances of global politics or military conflicts. I am always for less legislation, not more.

- First, the official name as determined by Congressional Act is "Department of Defense". It can only be changed by Congress and that action has not happened. Ironically, this question is being answered as I type. Our forces have decimated Iran and Venezuela, forces that have supposedly been "infected and impacted by DEI and Vaccines".
- <https://youtube.com/shorts/6Luf7RgHL1I?feature=share>
- I agree to reversing DEI initiatives and COVID-19 vaccination mandates.
- I am supportive of these changes and would be in favor of codifying them and if elected would vote in favor of them.
- I believe and support President Trump's EO14151 and EO14173 be codified into Law.
- I believe any policy that affects service members, veterans, or the public should be grounded in fairness, transparency, and respect for individual rights. When it comes to vaccination-related mandates, I do not support turning federal mandates into permanent law. Medical decisions — including vaccinations — should remain personal choices made between individuals and their healthcare providers, not dictated by the government. On DEI-related policies, I support efforts that ensure fairness, equal opportunity, and respect for every service member and civilian employee. However, I do not support codifying any policy that creates division, imposes rigid ideological requirements, or prioritizes political agendas over mission readiness and merit. My approach is simple: I will evaluate any proposal based on whether it protects individual freedoms, strengthens our military and workforce, and serves all Americans — not just one party or ideology. My commitment is to the people, not to political mandates.
- I believe Congress should pass laws that protect equal opportunity and strengthen civil rights, rather than leaving those protections to executive orders that can be undone. Diversity and inclusion policies help ensure that everyone has a fair shot, and public health decisions should be guided by science and the expertise of medical professionals. Congress should debate these issues openly and pass legislation that protects both civil rights and public health
- I believe in limited government, equal protection under the law, and individual liberty. Executive Orders and agency memos—whether on DEI or vaccine mandates—are often temporary, politically driven, and sometimes overreach the authority of the executive branch. Locking those into permanent law without careful scrutiny would be a mistake.
- I believe major policy changes, whether related to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) or public health measures like vaccinations, should ultimately be debated and decided through the legislative process in Congress, not just through executive orders or agency memoranda. Executive actions can address urgent situations, but lasting national policy should go through the constitutional process where elected representatives review the evidence, hear from the public, and ensure that individual rights and public well-being are both protected. If elected, I would evaluate any proposal to codify those policies based on transparency, scientific evidence, fairness, and how it impacts the everyday lives of people in Louisiana's 2nd District. My priority will always be policies that improve quality of life, protect personal freedoms, and ensure government accountability.
- I believe we should keep DEI and vaccination remedies out of the military and Department of War and let the military do what they do. They defend our freedom.
- I believe you mean PEOs and Memoranda restoring rights and status to service members who were forced out for refusing the Covid-19 vaccines. If you mean something different, The answer could be different.

- I do not believe in governing by Executive Order. Major policy changes and reforms should be decided upon by Congress with clear statutory authority and full legislative debate. Any proposal to codify policies related to diversity and inclusion or vaccination should be evaluated on constitutional grounding, legal durability, and real-world effectiveness. Congress has the responsibility to write and authorize national policy.
- I do not support automatically codifying executive orders or Department of Defense memoranda into permanent federal law simply because a President issued them. Major changes — whether related to DEI policy, vaccine mandates, or remedies — should go through Congress, public debate, committee review, and constitutional scrutiny.
- I do not support codifying broad executive-order-driven policies into permanent statute without careful congressional debate and oversight. Major policy changes, especially those involving DEI frameworks or vaccination policy, should be evaluated transparently through the legislative process, with input from experts, service members, employers, and the public. As a healthcare provider and someone running to serve in Congress, I believe Congress, not executive agencies alone, should set durable national policy. Laws should protect readiness, individual rights, and equal opportunity, while maintaining high standards and constitutional guardrails.
- I do not support codifying into law sweeping policy changes related to DEI or vaccination mandates that were advanced through Presidential Executive Orders or agency memoranda. Major policy decisions that affect millions of Americans should be debated openly and passed through Congress, not implemented unilaterally by the executive branch. When policies originate from executive action, they often lack the transparency, accountability, and durability that come with the legislative process. In many cases, these directives, particularly on DEI and vaccine mandates, raise serious concerns about federal overreach, individual liberty, and equal treatment under the law. If Congress is to consider legislation in these areas, it should focus on reinforcing equal opportunity, protecting personal freedom, and ensuring that any public health measures respect individual choice and constitutional limits.
- I just put yes to answer, but my answer is: I have to do more research into this. What are the changes? What are the remedies? Does it protect our rights under the Constitution? This is key always for any and all items that are trying to limit such freedoms we have. We are free, but we continue to add more and more laws to restrict our freedoms or become even more of a socialist country (so many programs).
- I need more clarification for specific issues.
- I oppose the old system where parties, donors, and politicians decide for you — and I support a new system where every vote I cast is bound to the verified will of the people, with a public audit trail to prove it.
- I support any initiative to get rid of DEI.
- I support codifying durable, merit based standards through Congress rather than governing by executive memo. From an economics standpoint, stable law reduces uncertainty, improves readiness & retention, and lowers compliance costs. Legislation should enforce equal treatment under the law, prohibit discriminatory decision making, and provide fair, case-by-case remedies and due process for service members affected by mandate-era policies; while avoiding broad, ideology driven mandates that can be reversed with each administration.
- I support codifying into legislation policy changes related to DEI reforms and vaccination remedies that were advanced through Presidential Executive Orders and Department of Defense memoranda because durable policy should rest with Congress, not fluctuate with each administration. Executive actions can signal priorities, but only statutory law provides long-term clarity, stability, and constitutional legitimacy. Where policies have addressed concerns about merit-based standards, military readiness, religious liberty, or

remedies for service members affected by prior vaccine mandates, Congress has a responsibility to debate them openly and, where appropriate, enshrine them in law. Doing so ensures transparency, accountability, and continuity for those who serve and for the institutions they defend.

- I support codifying policy changes into legislation so that major decisions affecting Americans are debated openly and decided by elected representatives, not governed indefinitely through executive orders or agency memoranda. Congress should provide clear, lawful direction on issues such as DEI policies and remedies related to vaccine mandates, ensuring accountability, transparency, and consistency. Legislating these matters restores the proper balance of powers and gives the public confidence that policies are grounded in law, not temporary directives.
- I support codifying protections for individual liberty, medical freedom, merit-based standards, and equal treatment under the law so that future administrations cannot unilaterally impose sweeping mandates without congressional oversight and accountability.
- I support codifying protections that permanently end coercive DEI mandates and unlawful vaccine requirements so they cannot be reinstated by future administrations.
- I support codifying that DEI will never be allowed in how it was and has been, and I also support that a clear path would be demonstrated to forgive all financial losses during any type of pandemic. To where the government can't come after a citizen who has lost everything and turn around and give bailouts to corporations. But I do not support anything other than that without further reflection and more information because of the fact that so many lies were told and have been told and direct liabilities have been inflicted of a gaslighting, 100th power onto regular people rather than understanding all of the people harmed by DEI as well as the COVID-19 mandates. Too many members of Congress are extremely out of touch as well as too many people who are federal employees and state employees are absolutely out of touch with what the regular citizens have been experiencing and are experiencing even now in 2026. And the extreme discrimination that has been occurring towards anyone who does not meet those lack of oversights.
- I support eliminating all forms of it.
- I support ending Covid vaccination requirements for schools and employment, but again I think the DEI issue is an umbrella term. It deserves a deliberate and intentional consideration of what all falls under that umbrella, what works, and what doesn't work.
- I support President Trump's agenda - period!
- I support the transition of significant national policies from Executive Orders to the legislative process because Article I of the Constitution vests all legislative powers in Congress. Relying on "Department of War" memoranda or executive actions creates a landscape of shifting rules that leaves our retired and active military members in a state of uncertainty. Whether addressing the remedies for those affected by past vaccine mandates or refining how we ensure equal opportunity in our ranks, these decisions belong in the halls of Congress where they can be debated, codified, and made permanent. By moving these issues into the legislative branch, we uphold the Bill of Rights and ensure that the "Consent of the Governed" remains the foundation of our federal policy, providing our veterans with the stability and clear legal protections they have earned.
- I support those changes that are proposed by the Trump administration.
- I will look at everything.

- I will support that, but it would not be necessary if our laws were applied properly and evenly. Perhaps stricter punishments for violations of ANYONE'S Civil Rights is a better idea.
- If these changes remove vaccine mandates and DEI then I support them. If the executive orders or DOE memoranda attempted to increase or renew mandates or DEI programs then I would be opposed to them.
- If we are speaking of Trump term memoranda.
- I'm not sure if I'm reading this question correctly, I support President Trump and the Department of War scrapping bullshit propaganda. If this question means codifying liberal psychotic policy no I don't support codifying, but if it means killing DEI programs in the military then I support it.
- Including case law, such as Ames v Ohio, reverse discrimination is unconstitutional.
- It depends on which executive order. Biden/Harris/Newsom (California) = no. Pete Hegseth is "spot on" on what he is doing. DEI was literally ruining the Department of War. I would do whatever I can to support Pete Hegseth in his intent as the Secretary of War.
- It is still the Department of Defense, Congress has not changed the name. Secondly, their DEI policy changes have removed a number of highly qualified individuals, leaving us less prepared, and the vaccination remedies are simply a waste of funding.
- It would depend on the specifics of the legislation
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- It's high time this gets done. It is the Congress's duty.
- Major policy decisions should go through Congress, not be permanently embedded from executive actions. We need legislative transparency and constitutional process.
- My agenda once elected is simple. Work hard at bringing all the freshman together to codify all of Trump's executive orders.
- My concern is that they would mandate mRNA genetically engineered organisms that we know are deadly and actually caused the disease. I have a lot of research on this.
- My support for legislation is guided by whether it strengthens or weakens our 'unified civic foundation.' While I support codifying the removal of DEI programs—which I view as an institutionalized form of civic division—I cannot support a blanket 'remedy' for those who refused the COVID-19 vaccine mandate. As established in my 'Blueprint for Socioeconomic Evolution,' our military must be a cohesive 'crew' governed by the General Will. Just as a neighbor is obligated to help when a house is on fire, service members have a civic duty to protect the health and readiness of the unit during a national crisis. Codifying remedies for those who shirked this shared burden would undermine Rousseau's principle of Civil Religion, which holds that public duty must supersede private dogma. We should legislate to remove divisive identity politics (DEI), but we must not legislate to excuse individuals from their fundamental obligations to the Republic and their fellow citizens.
- No DEI, vaccines unnecessary
- No for two reasons. Trump & Hegseth are continuously violating the U.S. Constitution (and we have the Dept. of Defense; War Dept. is not enacted by Congress). And pursuant to Answer 1, STARRS should support resolving education so that DEI is not needed. The vaccination mandate is already unconstitutional.

- No foreign entanglements please, such as with the WHO. Annul or cancel Obama-Biden era executive orders promoting woke behavior.
- No, I don't trust the current Presidents competence. He basically only participates in grifts.
- No. The Constitution already protects and codifies our rights. We do not need new laws to do so.
- Nobody should be judged based on their vaccination decisions
- Not sure if I'm reading this correctly, so here goes. I do not want DEI forced on Americans. I used to trust the vaccine requirements until I saw all the doctors force it on their patients, so I don't want that forced on Americans either.
- One of the problems today is congress takes credit for Executive orders and memoranda which can easily be overturned if not codified by legislation without actually passing legislation to modify it.
- Our current administration is moving to outlaw DEI practices and reduce vaccination requirements. Both of these actions lead to harming the mental and physical health of our country and would rollback the clock on equal rights.
- Our nation needs clear guidance, not loopholes.
- People who sign away their freewill at risk of death, now want to worry about Diversity and Vaccines? But not War in Iran and our national security?
- President Donald Trump's Executive orders should all be codify into law
- Presidential EO's and DOW memos change with each tide turned. I still believe in personal choice. Not legislation to force or restrict individual rights. Buddy of mine went thru this and was placed on unpaid leave due to not subjecting himself to the vaccine. Lawsuits and executive regime changes later, he got back pay and formal separation. Personal choice and personal freedoms. Why is vaccine mandates and the DOW still an issue on this? I have friends who fought the good fight against the mandates and won in court against the military.
- Recent Supreme Court decisions have reinforced the importance of clearly defining the authority of the three branches of government. Congress must restore clarity and stability where executive actions created confusion for employers, service members, and American workers. Codifying appropriate remedies through legislation provides consistent standards while ensuring constitutional oversight. Congress must provide legislative clarity so executive actions do not replace the constitutional lawmaking process. It is also important for the public to understand that longstanding civil rights protections already exist under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, which prohibits discrimination in employment. These protections remain an important safeguard while Congress addresses policies related to DEI and vaccine mandates. The goal is restoring constitutional balance, protecting individual liberties, and ensuring policies moving forward are transparent, lawful, and consistent.
- The DEI cuts that Trump made should be codified into Legislation
- The president has the authority to make those changes, since he's in the DoD chain of command.
- This is congress's job and only after all alternatives have been evaluated by science, legal and ethical professionals which can make the decisions based on the finding of professional institutions.

- This question is too vague to answer without additional specifics regarding the Executive Orders, memoranda, and proposed legislation being referenced. I do not support legislation or executive actions that mandate vaccinations for citizens of the United States. Furthermore, I do not support policies that grant special privileges or preferential treatment to select groups of citizens. I believe all Americans should be treated equally under the law, and I will oppose legislation that creates unequal rights or protections based on identity or political favoritism.
- Two very unrelated questions, I am sensing a strangely partisan 'gotchiness' to these questions. For instance, the current administration, under the umbrella of 'removing DEI' removed references to the 'Enola Gay' the first atomic bomber in history. I want people to stop whitewashing our incredible diverse history.
- We must make sure that these mandates never occur again.
- Where appropriate, I support codifying reforms that restore merit-based systems and protect individual liberty, especially for those impacted by prior executive overreach in DEI enforcement and vaccine mandates.
- While it is important that entities hire based solely on merit, the government has no right to determine how private enterprise operates. While I don't support mandates and so called "equity" programs if we want to make legal changes to our system we must follow the constitution and seek those remedies within our legislative branch.
- With a proviso that public funding won't pay for your disease if you choose not to vaccinate. DEI needs to go away. Discrimination of any kind to citizens is wrong.
- Yes - vaccine injuries are real and DEI has destroyed what was once a very well functioning meritocracy.
- Yes, I support codifying into legislation the core policy changes advanced by those recent Presidential Executive Orders and Department of Defense (formerly referred to as Department of War in some contexts) memoranda regarding DEI and COVID-19 vaccination remedies.  
 On DEI: The executive orders (primarily EO 14151 from January 20, 2025, and EO 14173 from January 21, 2025) directed the termination of federal DEI/DEIA offices, positions (like Chief Diversity Officers), equity action plans, preferential policies, and related grants or contracts. They emphasized restoring merit-based opportunity, ending what the administration described as illegal race- or sex-based discrimination under the guise of "equity," and enforcing longstanding civil rights laws in a color-blind, individual-focused manner. These changes align with principles of equality under the law (treating individuals the same regardless of race, sex, or other protected characteristics) rather than engineered outcomes or group preferences. Codifying this into statute would provide permanence beyond any future administration's whims, reduce wasteful spending on ideological programs, protect against reverse discrimination, and prioritize competence—especially critical in high-stakes areas like the military, aviation, medicine, and federal hiring. It would also deter private-sector overreach where federal funds or contracts are involved. On COVID-19 vaccination remedies for the military: The executive order from January 27, 2025 (EO 14184), along with implementing DoD memoranda, focused on reinstating service members discharged or separated for refusing the vaccine (including on religious or conscience grounds), providing back pay, benefits restoration, discharge upgrades, and other remedies. It recognized the mandate as overbroad and unfair, particularly where religious accommodations were denied. As someone who has directly supported Soldiers seeking religious waivers, I strongly support codifying these remedies. Service members who acted on sincerely held beliefs should not face permanent career damage. Legislation would ensure due process, religious liberty protections under the First Amendment and RFRA, and accountability for past coercive policies. It would prevent similar mandates from being weaponized again without clear justification and congressional oversight.

- Yes, I support codifying into legislation the policy changes related to DEI and vaccination remedies advanced by Presidential Executive Orders and Department of War memoranda. These executive actions correctly eliminated discriminatory DEI programs across the federal government and the Department of War, ending race- and sex-based preferences in hiring, promotions, and operations while restoring merit-based standards. They also provided remedies for those harmed by the prior COVID-19 vaccine mandate in the military. Executive orders are temporary. Codifying them into statute makes the bans on DEI discrimination and the vaccine mandate remedies permanent law. This locks in color-blind, performance-driven policies, prevents future reversal, eliminates wasteful identity politics, and protects bodily autonomy by rejecting coerced medical interventions. I would vote to advance and support such legislation.
- Yes, I support the legislation as long as it does not mandate DEI policies and vaccine mandates.
- Yes, the military is NOT a social experiment. It exists to kill people and break things. Anything that detracts from its mission of maximum lethality must be eliminated from its ranks.

